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LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

On 12-11-63 the Office of the Attorney General forwarded to the Bureau a memorandum to the Attorney General from Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, which enclosed a 12-page typewritten document entitled "Seeds of Doubt: Some Questions About the President's Assassination," prepared by Jack Minnis, described as a "political scientist," and Staughton Lynd, described as a "historian."

A review of this paper disclosed that the authors have taken the newspaper versions of the assassination and have noted a number of contradictions as reported in the newspapers and, therefore, are asking a number of questions to which they say the American people have a right to know the answers. The questions include such things as: 1. How Oswald, from a position behind and slightly to the right of President Kennedy fired a shot which entered the President's neck below the Adam's Apple. 2. How Oswald fired three shots with a bolt-action rifle with such accuracy in such a short time at a moving target. 3. How the three shots could have produced "four bullets." 4. How Oswald did all the things he reportedly did between the assassination and his arrest. 5. How was Ruby permitted to shoot Oswald. 6. Did the FBI interview Oswald a few days before the assassination. 7. Did the FBI show Oswald's mother a picture of Ruby the night before he killed Oswald. 8. Did the FBI seize a movie-film showing silhouettes of two men in the "sniper window."

The paper ends with the following: "It seems hardly too much to suggest that the Dallas Police and the FBI need to account for their own activities, during and after the assassination. Until such an accounting is made, no version of the tragedy produced by the police or the FBI can be accepted with confidence."

All of the questions referred to above have been raised in the press and have been based upon erroneous information or speculation.

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Section 24

MEMORANDUM TO MR. SULLIVAN
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the Attorney General summarizing information in our files re the authors of "Seeds of Doubt." The paper, Mr. Schlesinger's transmittal memorandum to the Attorney General and the memorandum transmitting these items to the Bureau are being returned.